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SUBJECT: ILO'

1. IN DISCUSSION MAY 8 WITH LABOR ATTACHE ON
ILO AFFAIRS, ISRAELI WORKER DEL TO ILO,
GIDDEON BEN ISRAEL, MENTIONED THAT AFL-CIO
PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY PLANS TO SEE PRESIDENT
FORD TO URGE THAT U.S. ACTIVELY CAMPAIGN
AGAINST GRANTING OBSERVER STATUS TO
PLO. HE BELIEVED THAT IN VIEW REMARKS OF
PRESIDENT FORD CONCERNING AFL-CIO SUPPORT FOR RESETTLING
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, THERE MAY BE GOOD CHANCE
THAT PRESIDENT FORD MAY CONCEDE TO MEANY'S REQUEST.
BEN ISRAEL ADDED THAT HE HEARD THAT SECRETARY
OF LABOR DUNLOP MAY HEAD US DEL TO ILO
ON CONDITION THAT US ACTIVELY OPPOSE OBSERVER
STATUS FOR PLO, AND PRESIDENT MEANY MAY ALSO
ATTEND ILO CONF.

2. BASED ON REPORTS FROM ISRAEL REP
IN GENEVA, BEN ISRAEL BELIEVES THAT THREAT OF
ARAB EFFORT TO SEEK EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION OF
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ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN ILO NOT AS SERIOUS NOW AS

IT WAS TWO-THREE WEEKS AGO. PRIMARY REASON FOR THIS ASSESSMENT, AS INDICATED BY BEN ISRAEL, IS THAT DUE TO QURUM RULE IN ILO PLENARY SESSION, VOTING, EFFORT TO EXPEL OR SUSPEND ISRAEL MOST LIKELY TO FAIL. ARABS UNLIKELY TO INITIATE MOTION UNLESS THEY ARE ASSURED OF SUCCESS. AT MOST, HE BELIEVES ARABS WILL PERSUE EFFORTS TO SECURE ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL IN CONNECTION WITH ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION PASSED IN 1974 ILO CONF. HOWEVER, HE NOTED, ITS HARD TO ANTICIPATE WHAT ARABS MIGHT DO.

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